

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-25. (Cancelled)

26 (Previously Presented). A method of providing subscribers with communication services in accordance with their agreements with a service provider, the method comprises:

determining a first plurality of subscribers to be connected to the service provider via a distribution unit located in an access network;

selecting an advanced broadband technology to be produced by the distribution unit to be a minimal default technology (DABT);

in the distribution unit, arranging a second plurality of substantially uniform communication devices for serving the first plurality of subscribers, so that said second plurality either comprises only uniform communication devices using the DABT, or comprises said uniform communication devices and also an exceptional communication device using a more advanced broadband technology than said DABT, and

providing for each of said subscribers, irrespective of its individual agreement reached with the service provider, an individual permanent communication link for supplying, from one of the communication devices, respective broadband communication services by using either said DABT or said more advanced broadband technology, and

enabling each of the plurality of subscribers to receive services in accordance with their respective agreements with the service provider.

27 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 26, wherein said DABT is VDSL (Very high data rate Digital Subscriber Line).

28 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 26, wherein at least one of the subscribers is entitled to narrowband services only.

29 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 26, further comprising preventing the use, by a particular subscriber, of communication services not included in the agreement between said particular subscriber and the service provider.

30 (Previously Presented). A method of providing a narrowband subscriber with communication services in a converged broadband and narrowband communications access network, the method comprises establishing for said narrowband subscriber a communication link capable of carrying advanced broadband communication services as a minimum default technology, while preventing the use by said subscriber of all communication services not included in an agreement between said subscriber and a service provider.

31 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 30, wherein said communication link is being established between the narrowband subscriber and a communication device installed in a distribution unit and supporting said broadband communication services.

32 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 29 or 30, wherein said preventing is performed by remotely configuring the communication device located at the distribution unit and associated with said particular subscriber, where the configuration is carried out from a Local Exchange connected to the distribution unit.

33 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 29 or 30, wherein said preventing is performed by providing at least one of the subscribers with a Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) unit specifically configured to provide only services in accordance with the subscriber's agreement with the service provider.

34 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 32, further comprising a step of reconfiguring according to an updated subscriber's agreement with the service provider.

35 (Previously Presented). A communication service distribution unit for use in a converged broadband and narrowband access network, comprising a first plurality of substantially uniform communication devices for serving a second plurality of subscribers associated with the distribution unit, wherein each of said communication devices are configured to provide to its corresponding subscriber either a technologically advanced broadband communication service selected as a minimal default communication service (DABT) of said distribution unit, or a more advanced broadband communication service than said DABT broadband communication service via an individual permanent communication link, and wherein said subscribers include at least one narrowband subscriber, and

wherein said first plurality either comprises only uniform communication devices using the DABT, or comprises said uniform communication devices and also an exceptional communication device using a more advanced broadband technology than said DABT.

36 (Previously Presented). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, adapted to provide a more technologically advanced communication service to a limited number of the subscribers.

37 (Previously Presented). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, wherein said broadband communication service is a technologically advanced type of communication service selected from a non-exhaustive list comprising: ADSL (Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line), VDSL (Very high data rate DSL), SHDSL (Single line High bit-rate DSL).

38 (Previously Presented). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, comprising a plurality of communication devices capable of providing one and the same technologically advanced broadband communication service to all broadband and narrowband subscribers associated with the unit.

39 (Previously Presented). A service filtering means operative to derive, from a technologically advanced broadband communication service reserved for a particular subscriber at a distribution unit in an access network, only communication services agreed between said particular subscriber and a service provider, wherein said service reserved for the particular subscriber is at least a minimal default advanced broadband communication service (DABT) selected for the distribution unit and available for delivering to the subscriber via an individual permanent communication link.

40 (Previously Presented). The service filtering means according to Claim 39, being configurable.

41 (Previously Presented). The service filtering means according to Claim 40, remotely configurable and associated with a communication device providing said broadband communication service at the distribution unit.

42 (Previously Presented). The service filtering means according to Claim 39, comprising a Customer's Premises Equipment (CPE) unit for use in said subscriber's premises.

43 (Previously Presented). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, comprising a service filtering means operative to derive, from the technologically advanced broadband communication service reserved for a particular subscriber at the distribution unit, only communication services agreed between said particular subscriber and a service provider.

44 (Previously Presented). A system for providing broadband and narrowband subscribers with communication services in accordance with their agreements with a service provider, the system comprises a distribution unit either accommodating only uniform communication devices using a minimal default broadband communication service (DABT), or accommodating said uniform communication devices and an exceptional communication device using a more advanced broadband technology than said DABT,

at least one of said communication devices is connected to a narrowband subscriber via an individual permanent communication link and via a service filtering means; the service filtering means being operative to prevent the use by the narrowband subscriber of communication services not included in an agreement between said narrowband subscriber and the service provider.